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SUBJ: LOS: INFORMAL PLENARY ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AUG. 10

1. USSR CONTINUED DEBATE ON ARTICLE 9 (CHOICE OF FORUM) WITH RIGOROUS AND LENGTHY STATEMENT MAKING IT CLEAR THAT SPECIAL PROCEDURE CONTAINED IN ANNEX II MUST BE INCLUDED OR USSR WILL BE UNABLE TO SUPPORT COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT EXCEPT AS OPTIONAL PROTOCOL. SOVIET REMARKS WERE LIMITED TO ART. 9, PARA 1 FOR TIME BEING, LEAVING IT UNCLEAR HOW USSR WOULD DEAL WITH COMPETENT FORUM WHERE DECLARATIONS DIFFER AND COMPETENT FORUM WHERE NO DECLARATION IS MADE. DURING REMARKS, SOVIETS POINTED OUT THAT ONLY 45 STATES HAVE ACCEPTED COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES WHILE 33 HAVE ACCEPTED OPTIONAL PROTOCOLS, LEADING TO A FEAR RATIFICATIONS OF LOS TREATY WOULD BE FEW IF CDS INCLUDED. EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON COMPATIBILITY OF SOCIALIST SYSTEM WITH SPECIAL PROCEDURES AND NOT, REPEAT, NOT ICJ, CRITICISING RESERVATIONS RESPECTING MATTERS UNDER NATIONAL

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JURISDICTION AS INCOMPATIBLE WITH OBJECTIVES OF LOST TREATY, OR

LOS TRIBUNAL, WHICH HAS ONLY TWO SOCIALIST MEMBERS AND THEREFORE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED QTE INTERNATIONAL UNQTE.

2. ECUADOR SAID ART. 9 SHOULD REFLECT PRINCIPLE OF CHOICE LIMITED TO ICJ, ARBITRATION, AND LOS TRIBUNAL, AND OPPOSED ANY EFFORT TO SINGLE OUT ARBITRATION SINCE LDCS HAVE TOO FEW RESOURCES TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY IN ARBITRATIONS. ECUADOR EMPHASIZED ICJ WILL ONLY GAIN ACCEPTANCE OF LDCS WHEN CERTAIN AMENDMENTS ARE MADE TO ITS STATUTE AND METHOD OF SELECTION, AND SUPPORTED ASSIMILATING SPECIAL COMMISSIONS WITHIN TRIBUNAL SYSTEM. ATTACK ON SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOCUSED ON PROBLEMS OF CONTRADICTORY JURISPRUDENCE, APPELLATE AND OVERLAPPING JURISDICTION, INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION INTER-RELATIONSHIP, AND DELAYS WHILE GOING TO MORE THAN ONE FORUM FOR DISPUTES. BRAZIL MADE A SHORTER STATEMENT ALONG SIMILAR LINES IN A MORE CONCILIATORY TONE, ADDING ITS SCEPTICISM THAT ROLE OF SPECIALIZED AGENCY SECRETARY GENERALS IN ANNEX II IS APPROPRIATE AND POINTING TO SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THOSE PROCEDURES AND ARBITRATION.

3. SWITZERLAND EXPRESSED SCEPTICISM ON PROLIFERATION OF BODIES AND IN PARTICULAR CREATION OF NEW LOS TRIBUNAL.

4. DEBATE CONTINUES. PLENARY SHORTER TODAY DUE TO ROOM SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES.
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